

Moosburg

[Narrator] As the end neared, all of the roads for POWs led to Moosburg.

[Robert Doherty] “Eventually, at Moosburg, it seems that the Germans were getting all prisoners of war in central and southern Germany and getting them into Moosburg. When I was liberated, there were about 70,000 prisoners of war there, representing twenty seven different nationalities.”

[Narrator] At Moosburg the senior prisoner officers were faced with a critical decision when it became known that they were to be moved once again.

[LtGen Clark] “The night before we were to march, one of our very skilled kids, who had brought his clandestine radio all the way in the pack on his back to the new camp, and was monitoring the BBC and got an announcement that an agreement had just been reached through the “protecting” power, which was the Swiss, between the Germans and the Americans that no more prisoners would be moved. When we were told to line up at the gate, we refused to go, and we really stuck out neck out. We, in fact, told them, ‘We know, from radio.’ By that time, the camp was in such crowded, chaotic conditions, they couldn’t have found our clandestine radios if they’d tried. So we said ‘We know of an announcement -- an agreement has been reached. Go check in with your higher authorities.’ Which they did, and that was the end of it.”